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Economic Information

1. The Chinese Communists in Sinkiang Province are holding numerous meetings in the rural areas in order to explain their policy of restricting a farmer's land to the amount he can manage without outside labor. ☐ The farmers have determined to produce only enough to feed themselves, fearing that any surplus would be confiscated
2. After issuing orders that all trucks were to be registered, the government has confiscated them all.
3. Rich merchants, both Chinese and Hoggai, are leaving Urumchi in order to avoid the fate of one of their number, Tallat, son of Hussain Beg. Tallat had organized a large-scale smuggling of Soviet goods into Urumchi during the Nationalist regime. The Chinese Communists confiscated his personal property, consisting of shops, trucks and a large quantity of gold, and the army is now running his shops.
4. Soviet trucks taken over by the Chinese at Ahorgos are of inferior quality and need overhauling after one trip to Chiuchuan. The Chinese are obliged to haul their gasoline from Chiuchuan, for the Soviets supply none when handing over the trucks.
5. Agricultural implements of antiquated type are being brought into Sinkiang Province by truck from China.

Military Information

6. It is reported that picked troops have been sent to the USSR for special training. Fully loaded trucks have been observed on the road to Ili. The troops in these trucks appear to be of the intellectual type, and include a few women. At Khorgos they change to Soviet trucks, and are taken on to Panfilov (Dzharkent).

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7. The problem of feeding two hundred thousand troops in Sinkiang Province is becoming more acute. Military units are expected to be self-supporting [redacted] and the government will cease to issue rations. 50X1-HUM

Anti-Communist Guerrillas [redacted] 50X1-HUM

8. Armored cars escort convoys between Shanshan (90-13, 42-54) and Hami because several small convoys have been destroyed by guerrillas.
9. The guerrillas consist of well-armed Chinese, Tungksans and Kazakhs operating in groups of three hundred or more. Severe engagements occurred at Fouk'ang (88-10, 44-10), northeast of Urumchi.****
10. The Chinese Communists aroused much resentment by trying to take, without payment, felled and dressed timber belonging to the mountain dwellers. The latter resisted, burned their timber, and joined the guerrillas. The sky above Tianshan glared red for three nights.

Miscellaneous

11. Police officers are moved to a different post each month. Their subordinates are moved every two months.
12. Any foreign news in the Urumchi press is extracted from TASS reports. Articles on Communism, while quoting MAO Tse-tung, are signed by Russian writers.
13. [redacted] the Urumchi telegraph office has refused to handle telegrams in English. 50X1-HUM

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**** [redacted] Comment. Press reports have stated, giving details, that troops of the 5 Army engaged in bandit suppression have lost up to half their strength in conflicts with guerrillas.

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